

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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PARTICIPATION OF PROFESSIONALS IN DEFENCE PLANNING
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether experienced professionals in the services and the Chiefs of Defence Staff are not invited while considering the military issues and contingency planning;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the remedial steps proposed to include the professionals in such policy decisions?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) All matters having a bearing on national security are considered by the Government at appropriate levels and the Chiefs of Armed Forces are associated in the process. The Chiefs of Armed Forces do attend meetings held at the highest levels, including the meeting of the National Security Council (NSC), its sub-structures and the meetings of the Cabinet Committee on Security, whenever required to.

(b)&(c): Do not arise.